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THE WEATHER

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TORNADO SWEEPS A MISSOURI TOWN; CARS BLOWN AWAY

District Eighteen Blocks Long and Half as Wide Bazed in St. Charles, Near St. Louis, but None Hurt.

Four Coaches of Wabash Passenger Train Hurlled from Track Near Gilmore.

NOBODY SERIOUSLY INJURED

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—Four cars of Wabash passenger train No. 9, from St. Louis to Kansas City, were blown from the track by a tornado near Gilmore, Mo., this afternoon, but according to information received here by General Manager Cotter of the Wabash no one was hurt badly enough to need medical attention.

Tornado Sweeps Town. A tornado struck St. Charles, Mo., twenty-five miles northwest of here, at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon. It is reported that the storm raged a district eighteen blocks long and nine blocks wide. Two large churches were destroyed.

As far as known no lives were lost. St. Charles Borromeo's Catholic church was wrecked, the storm tearing down the east and west walls and cracking the south wall so that it crumbled to the ground.

Patients Removed. A wall and part of the roof of St. Joseph's hospital were torn away. The patients, though panic-stricken, were removed to safety.

The west wall and half the roof of the second Baptist church were caved in. Several houses were damaged.

Body Attachment Issued by Court for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw

NEW YORK, July 7.—A body attachment was issued by Supreme Court Justice Hendrick today for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who failed to appear to testify in the proceedings yesterday relative to the sanity of her husband, Harry K. Thaw.

Mrs. Thaw yesterday told Deputy Attorney General Cook that she could not stand the strain of testifying and said she did not propose to testify against her husband. She left for the Adirondacks last night.

Dr. Bernard Livingston, Mrs. Thaw's physician, was called to the stand today. He said he had found Mrs. Thaw run down and in a nervous condition and advised her it would be unwise for her to testify. Justice Hendrick then said that if the attorney general desired Mrs. Thaw to be present that he would issue a body attachment, whereupon Deputy Attorney General Becker asked that such an attachment be issued.

Yetter Given Divorce By Kansas City Court

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 7.—(Special.)—In court here today, Will L. Yetter of Omaha was granted a divorce, he having charged jealousy upon the part of his wife and that she had threatened to ruin his business.

Mrs. Yetter had filed a cross-petition and in this she alleged misconduct upon the part of Yetter. The decree, when signed, will provide for a division of the property.

ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 7.—Archbishop James Edward Quigley of Chicago continues to hover between life and death at the home of his brother here.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various locations and times.

GERMAN 42-CENTIMETER SHELL, showing its size, in comparison with a French infantryman of average height. This shell, which fell at Verdun, failed to explode.



NO WORD COMES FROM WESTERFIELD

Wife Says She is Discouraged Over Absence and Does Not Know When He Will Return.

STILL CHECKING UP ACCOUNTS

"I feel more discouraged this morning," was a statement made by Mrs. Ellery H. Westerfield, wife of the former treasurer of Dundee, whose disappearance at a time he was expected to turn over the funds of the village, has aroused considerable interest.

Mrs. Westerfield added that she does not know of her husband's present whereabouts, nor does she know when he will return. Friends of the family have offered their services to locate the missing Dundee man.

In the meantime Commissioner Butler of the city department of finance and accounts, Treasurer Ure and a representative of the bonding company are checking up the accounts of Mr. Westerfield.

"The books appear to have been kept in excellent condition, but there seems to be some uncertainty as to the record of securities he held. This, of course, may turn out all right when the check has been completed. All we are endeavoring to do is to check the accounts as would be done in any case of this kind," stated Mr. Butler.

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Both Relatives of Revolutionary Stock

Another descendant of a continental patriot, who had something to do with national independence, has been found among Omahans. She is Mrs. William E. Davis, 4233 Grant street. However, Mrs. Davis will be unable to serve on the reception committee when the Liberty Bell is exhibited here Friday, for she is now at Orchard, Neb., on a visit.

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IRISH REFUSES TO ADDRESS GERMAN AND IRISH SOCIETY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 7.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, has refused to deliver an address tomorrow at a mass peace meeting of the American Independence union, an association of Irish and Germans who have made common issue against the exportation of arms to Great Britain. It was announced today. He said he expected to attend a reception for the governor, F. D. Boyle of Nevada and H. C. Stuart of Virginia, at the hour of the meeting.

Mr. Bryan recently accepted an invitation to speak at the mass meetings, provided other engagements here permitted. It was announced today that he would speak at an Evangelical meeting on July 12.

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Official Reports from Petrograd Tell of an Important Victory Over the Invaders Near the City of Krasnik.

CONTRADICTION FROM VIENNA

Austrian War Office Says Muscovites Were Defeated in This Battle.

WEST IS COMPARATIVELY QUIET

LONDON, July 7.—Petrograd asserts a distinct check has been inflicted on the Austro-Hungarians near Krasnik, in southern Russian Poland, where the invaders are threatening one of the most important railroad connections with Warsaw. The claim directly contradicts the Vienna official report, which states that the Russians have suffered defeat in this section. Otherwise the Russian and Austro-German reports agree that quiet prevails along the remainder of the eastern front, where for the first time in several weeks the Austro-German armies have ceased to win daily successes.

Italy keeps up its heavy battering tactics against the Austro-Hungarian positions along the Isonzo river. Vienna reports particularly fierce but fruitless attacks on the lower Isonzo, between Gorizia and the sea.

Rumors continue to reach London from many scattered sources of a great German offensive against the western front, with Calais on the English channel as the objective, but actual reports from this war theater show no more than the usual activity.

General Sir Hamilton's report of the British landing at the Dardanelles has caused much comment in the British press, which shows great pride in the achievements of the allied troops. This is not unmitigated criticism, however, of the strategy which directed the campaign. Lord Northcliffe's newspapers are particularly strong in denunciation of the tactics which led to such fearful slaughter. The Times, describing the naval dash which preceded the land operations, says it was a naive Balklava and denounced the whole operations, characterizing them as "unforgivable blunders."

French Official Report. PARIS, July 7.—The French official statement of operations along the western front today said:

"In the region to the north of Arras the bombardment continued all last night. Two German attacks, neither one in force, against the railroad station at Souchez, were repulsed.

"On the heights of the Meuse at about 9 o'clock at night, a fresh German attack against our positions on the southern side of the ravine of Sonvaux was checked by the fire from our batteries. At the same time the Germans delivered an attack to the west of this ravine, which also was repulsed.

"To the southeast of St. Mihiel the enemy, after a bombardment of great violence took the offensive last night along a front stretching from the hill which commands the right bank of the river Meuse to the south of Alliez, as far as the locality known as the Cow's Head (La Tete-A-Vache) in the forest of Apremont. At one single point in the Vaux Ferry region they were successful in penetrating our first line along a front of about 700 yards. At all other points they were repulsed with heavy losses.

"In the eastern part of the Le Preire forest we checked a fresh German attack which was preceded by the throwing of flaming liquids.

"There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

Two-Cent Fares Do Not Stimulate Travel, Says Expert

CHICAGO, July 7.—Failure of predictions made in 1907 when passenger fares in many states were reduced to 2 cents per mile, that the lower fare would be more than offset by the stimulus to travel, was described in figures before the Interstate Commerce commission today by forty-six western railroads which are asking permission to increase interstate passenger fares.

L. F. Wetting, statistician for the railroads, continued the introduction of evidence began last night. He presented figures showing that the return on property devoted to passenger service is only 2.7 per cent, while many roads operate at a deficit.

"The reduction to 2-cent fares," Mr. Wetting said, "brought no stimulus to travel such as was anticipated. On top of the failure of the growth of travel to hold its pace, there was, resulting from the rate reductions, a gradual decline in the average revenue, both for hauling the ton one mile and carrying the passenger one mile.

"Efforts at efficiency to offset the adverse factors of rising costs and falling rates, although they have brought conspicuous results, have not been able to succeed."

The witness